

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on September 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the Park Community Building, 510 Park Avenue, Iola, Kansas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor French called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor French and Council Members Peters, Peterson, D’Albini, Shallah, Kinder, Wicoff, and Lohman were present. Also present were City Administrator Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member Slaugh.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Shallah to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons wishing to address the City Council regarding items on the agenda may do so as they are called. Persons wishing to address the City Council regarding items not on the agenda may do so when called upon. Comments on personnel matters and matters pending in court or outside tribunals are not permitted. Speakers are limited to three minutes. No action will be taken.

Patty Dozier lives in Bassett and is present to complain about Gates Rubber not mowing their property. She states that this is causing rats on her property. She is concerned about making individuals cut in Iola, and Gates is not.

Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that Gates has individual hay that portion of their property.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval**
 - **September 12, 2022, Council Meeting**

- B. Appropriations Approval**

- C. Appointments of City Officials**

D. Memo of Understanding - Airport Sanitary Sewer

Council Member Lohman made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Peters. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. EMD Breaker Project - Bid Award

Mike Phillips, Power Plant Superintendent, informed the Council that bids were solicited for the breaker replacement of the six breakers at power plants 1 and 2. Two bids were received; however, the bid from Stanion was received via email and not sealed, so it would not be considered an official bid.

Mr. Phillips noted that the breakers being replaced were installed in the 1970s; therefore, parts are becoming obsolete and harder to locate.

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Peters to accept the bid from Mid-States Energy works in the amount of \$135,420 for the electric breaker project and authorize staff to execute documents. Motion carried.

B. Playground Pour in Place Project - Bid Award

Berkley Kerr, Parks and Cemetery Superintendent, reported to the Council that bids had been solicited for the pour-in-place material under the special needs playground in Riverside Park.

One bid was received. Mayor French asked if this would include a total removal or cutting out of the bad spots, filling them, and overlaying the rest of the playground. Mr. Kerr stated that this company would do just that.

Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member Peters to accept the bid from ATHCO, LLC for \$29,654.25 for the PIP Project and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Pedestrian Trail Bridge - Bid Award -

Assistant Administrator Schinstock told the Council Members that requests for proposals were solicited for a pedestrian bridge and concrete work to connect the Missouri Pacific Recreational Trail to the Iola Elementary School. The city will receive reimbursement for this part of the project through the Wildlife and Parks and the Sunflower Foundation Grants the City was awarded for this trail.

Motion made by Council Member Lohman and seconded by Council Member D'Albini to accept the bid from Mission Construction Company of St. Paul, Kansas, of \$156,025 for the recreational trail pedestrian bridge installation and concrete work authorize staff to execute the necessary documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Cedarbrook 3rd Addition -

Administrator Rehder informed the Council that along with himself, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, Mayor French, and Jonathon Goering have been discussing a potential developer that has been looking to build duplexes on six lots in the Cedarbrook Addition.

Administrator Rehder noted that the included costs to extend the infrastructure to the area include labor costs. The city crews will provide all labor during regular work hours.

Council Member D'Albini asked about the time frame to recoup the costs through utilities. Administrator Rehder stated that it is unknown how long it would take to recoup the costs. He noted that the infrastructure would be extended to all 24 available lots.

Council Member Kinder asked if the RHID and MHD would help with road costs. He asked how the infrastructure would be paid for. Administrator Rehder stated that the RHID and the MHD would allow the developer with the road costs, and the utilities would be paid for each fund. The supplies must be ordered immediately to begin work.

Mayor French reminded the Council that when the manufacturing companies were present at the meeting, they expressed the need for housing in the area.

Council Member Kinder stated that other cities with housing shortages are taking empty houses in their towns and renovating them to make affordable housing for their residents.

Motion made by Council Member Shallah to have staff move forward with ordering supplies and installing utilities to the 22 platted lots in Cedarbrook Third Addition. Motion seconded by Council Member Peterson. Motion carried.

Council wanted to obtain more information before moving forward on giving or selling the lots to an individual developer.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- Council Member Peters had nothing to report.

B. Council Member Lohman–

- Council Member Lohman had nothing to report.

C. Council Member D’Albini–

- Council Member D’Albini reported he had heard from individuals that were pleased that staff had fixed the holes in the walking trails.
- Council Member D’Albini asked about the staff picnic usually this time of year. Staff had it set for October 11, not realizing it was a council meeting night; therefore, it will be rescheduled on a different date.

D. Council Member Peterson–

- Council Member Peterson had nothing to report.

E. Council Member Wicoff-

- Council Member Wicoff had nothing to report.

F. Council Member Slaugh–

- Council Member Slaugh was absent.

G. Council Member Shallah –

- Council Member Shallah mentioned the pedestrian accident that occurred. She spoke with Officer Rodriguez; he and Angela Henry plan to add it to the Safe base Curriculum.
- Council Member D’Albini stated he is part of the SAFE committee with schools and law enforcement. The group had a meeting this last week and is looking at getting it into the regular school curriculum.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Council Member Kinder had nothing to report.

I. Mayor French

- Mayor French wanted to remind everyone that next week is City Wide Cleanup, with Friday, September 30th at noon being the deadline to sign up.

J. Administrator Rehder

- Administrator Rehder had nothing to report.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2022

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2022

6:35 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Peters and seconded by Council Member Shallah to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried

It was approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, on the 11th day of October 2022.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steven French", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Steven French

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roxanne Hutton", is written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton